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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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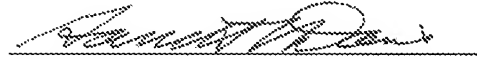
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosure listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08a to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in the subject application.

The enclosed document was cited in Applicants' corresponding Japanese application, and a copy of the Notice of Reasons for Refusal from the Japanese Patent Office, dated December 21, 2010, and English translation thereof, is enclosed.

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